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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 25, 2008, in the referenced patent application. A Petition for Extension of Time with the appropriate fee is enclosed to make this response timely.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

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